Reviewer's report

Title: Moraxella catarrhalis acquisition, airway inflammation and protease-antiprotease balance in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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Reviewer: Terence AR Seemungal

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To Authors

The paper appears to be quite interestingly put together now and your argument is convincing and, as you say, has implications for the evolution of COPD.

However there appears to be one contradiction. Kindly note your methods where you describe the subjects as smoking associated Chronic Bronchitis but this is different from your title which refers to COPD. Kindly review and amend appropriately.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests